



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Inventor: Paul

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Examiner:

Omar Flores Sanchez

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09/828,953

Art Unit:

3724

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For:

IMPELLER FOR ROTARY SLICING MACHINE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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This is responsive to the Official Action dated April 10, 2002, in the above application.

ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect the species of Figures 5-9 for prosecution on the merits. The claim readable on the species of Figures 5-9 is claim 1.

Applicants hereby reserve all rights to the non-elected species disclosed in the application.

If the application is substantially in condition for allowance, but issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the Applicants'

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